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Selected Resources - Controversial Topics

Books

The Library carries many books that cover multiple aspects of a variety of controversial topics. These sources can be invaluable in composing a paper or presentation of a persuasive, argumentative, or topical nature.

Search the NCTC Library Catalog for books by Subject/Topic, Keyword, or *Power Search* by the following series titles:

- [At Issue](#)
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- [Historical Guides to Controversial Issues in America](#)
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Databases

The Library maintains subscriptions to various online databases that can provide quality information on a variety of topics and issues.

Note: These links are accessible for on-campus use only. Please use the "[Off-Campus Access](#)" link for remote access by using your NCTC network username and password.

[Academic Search Complete](#)

Designed specifically for academic institutions, Academic Search Complete is the world's most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 5,300 full-text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 9,300 journals and a total of 10,900 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1865, with the majority of full text titles in native (searchable) PDF format.

[InfoTrac Custom Newspapers](#)

Cover-to-cover coverage of the [Austin-American Statesman](#) from 1996, [El Paso Times](#), [Houston Chronicle](#) from 1996, [New York Times](#) (last 90 days), [Washington Post](#) from 1996, [The Financial Times](#) from 1996 and [The Times of London](#) since 1997.

[NetLibrary E-book Collection](#)

An extensive collection of over 30,000 full-text books in electronic format. For remote access, create a NetLibrary account at any on-campus internet workstation.

[TOPICSearch](#)

This current events database covers topics such as politics, social and economic issues, scientific discoveries and other popular topics. Includes 40,000 documents selected by the publisher's staff of teachers and librarians, including selected full-text articles from public opinion polls, book reviews, pamphlets, and government information and nearly 100 U.S. newspapers.

Internet Resources

The Internet provides a variety of up-to-date resources for current issues and controversial/argumentative topics.

[Controversial Issues](#)

Weblinks to various controversial issues, sorted by subject, and presented by the Palo Alto College Library.

[Controversial Topics](#)

Designed for use by Lone Star College--North Harris students, this guide provides serves as a starting point for locating a topic and conducting research on a variety of controversial topics.

[Ethics Updates](#)

The Ethics Forums provide videos, articles, case studies, and forums on applied ethics topics. Ethics Updates and its associated websites are maintained in the Values Institute at the University of San Diego.

[Global Issues Gateway](#)

An educational website created by Fairleigh Dickinson University for investigating global issues. It serves as a source of information on the impact of globalization on societies, on institutions, and on people's daily lives.

[Hot Paper Topics](#)

Presented by St. Ambrose University's "Best Information on the Net", this portal presents a variety of web-based sources on a wide range of issues.

[Internet Public Library Pathfinders](#)

IPL Expert Guides intended to help you get started doing research on a particular topic, both online and at your local library.

[NCTC Current Issues Search](#)

Custom-built Google™ search to assist NCTC students in finding information on current issues.

[ProCon.org](#)

ProCon.org is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is "Promoting education and informed citizenship by presenting controversial issues in a simple, nonpartisan primarily pro-con format."

[Public Agenda Online](#)

" For over a quarter of a century, Public Agenda has been providing unbiased and unparalleled research that bridges the gap between American leaders and what the public really thinks about issues ranging from education to foreign policy to immigration to religion and civility in American life."

[U.S. Government Information by Topic](#)

Government-provided information on various issues and services.

[U.S. Senate Democratic Policy Committee](#)

[U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee](#)

These links provide reports on the stances taken by the two major political parties on a host of issues.

[Yahoo! Directory](#)

Provides links to a variety of sources on a variety of topics. Look for sub-categories offering links to "Opposing Views" or "Supporting Views" by topic.

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